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It is with special pleasure that I announce today my intention to nominate Elliot Lee Richardson of Massachusetts as Ambassador to Great Britain.

I have known and worked with Elliot Richardson since he first joined the Eisenhower Administration as Assistant Secretary in HEW. Since that time, his record of public service, both in Massachusetts and successively as Under Secretary of State, Secretary of HEW, Secretary of Defense, and as Attorney General, has been one of extraordinary achievement. I have the highest regard for him, for his intelligence and for his total commitment to public service.

Elliot Richardson's record of public service is truly remarkable. In World War II, he enlisted in the United States Army and served in the European Theater; he landed with the 4th Infantry Division on D-Day in Normandy -- and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Heroic Service and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. Upon graduation from Harvard Law School in 1947, where he was President of the Law Review, he served as law clerk first to Judge Learned Hand and then to Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter. In 1953 and 1954, he served as Legislative Assistant to the Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senator Leverett Saltonstall. By appointment of President Eisenhower,

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he served as Assistant Secretary and Acting Secretary of HEW in the period 1957 to 1959. From 1959 to 1961, he served as United States Attorney for Massachusetts and Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States. In 1964, he was elected Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts; and in 1966, he was elected Massachusetts Attorney General -- from which position he came to Washington in 1969 to serve in four Cabinet Departments.

The United Kingdom is an old ally to whom the United States is bound by profoundly intimate ties of history and strategic interest. It has therefore been our practice to consult with the United Kingdom on a broad range of negotiations and other matters affecting our relations with each other as well as with the Western Alliance. As our Ambassador to the Court of Saint James, Elliot Richardson will continue this practice. Both Secretary Kissinger and I shall seek his

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Elliot Richardson back into the service of our country and am confident that he will represent America with the highest distinction.

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MEETING WITH THE PRESS AT THE DEPARTMENT JANUARY 10
PRIOR TO THE REGULAR NOON BRIEFING:QUOTE: I HAVE JUST DISTRIBUTED TO YOU A BRIEF STATEMENT,
WHICH I WON'T READ. I'M SORRY TO HAVE TO MAKE THE POINT
WHICH YOU SEE THERE -- THAT I MUST RESERVE ANY COMMENTS
ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THAT MIGHT LEAD TO THE QUESTION:
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IS SIMPLY THAT IT IS FOR ME A MUCH MORE CONVENIENT WAY
SAYING TO YOU THAT I'M SORRY I CAN'T GO INTO SUBSTANTIVE
ISSUES UNTIL AFTER CONFIRMATION -- ASSUMING THAT OCCURS --
RATHER THAN TO HAVE TO TRY TO REACH ALL OF THOSE WHO
INDIVIDUALLY SOUGHT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME YESTERDAY.SO LET ME THEN INVITE YOUR QUESTIONS, AND IF I CAN'T
ANSWER THEM I WILL CERTAINLY DO MY BEST.

Q: THERE ARE A NUMBER OF BRITISH STATESMEN, EITHER ALREADY

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HERE OF COURSE HEALY WOULD BECOME THE NEW AMBASSADOR. I DON'T HAVE ANY GOOD FEEL FOR HOW FAR THAT WILL GO BUT, MR. WILSON AND MR. CALLAGHAN ARE COMING AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. ARE YOU PLANNING TO SEE THEM?

A: I DON'T HAVE ANY MEETINGS SCHEDULED WITH THEM FOR PURPOSES OF ANY SORT OF OFFICIAL DISCUSSION. MY NOMINATION WILL CERTAINLY NOT HAVE BEEN ACTED ON, SO FAR AS I KNOW. I DO EXPECT, HOWEVER, TO MEET THEM AT DINNERS THAT ARE BEING GIVEN FOR THEM WHEN THEY'RE HERE.

Q: IT'S BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THIS JOB MIGHT BE SORT OF A HOLDING PATTERN FOR YOU TO SEE HOW THE POLITICAL SITUATION SHAPES UP. I WONDER IF YOU'D DISCUSS THAT.

A: I'M LOOKING FORWARD THIS JOB FOR ITS OWN SAKE. I THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT AND DEMANDING ASSIGNMENT. I WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET BACK INTO THE FIELD OF FOREIGN POLICY, AND I HOPE TO BE USEFUL IN IT. I'VE NEVER BELIEVED IN TAKING ANY JOB FOR THE SAKE OF WHATEVER ELSE MIGHT COME ALONG, AND I AM QUITE CONTENT TO LEAVE THAT TO THE FUTURE.

Q: CAN YOU DISCUSS THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THIS JOB? IT'S ALWAYS SAID YOU HAVE TO BE VERY RICH TO RUN THAT EMBASSY. HOW MUCH WILL THE STATE DEPARTMENT GIVE YOU FOR RUNNING THE EMBASSY'S ENTERTAINMENT, ET CETERA, AND HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK IT WILL COST YOU YOURSELF?

A: THE REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCE THAT IS ALLOCATED TO THE EMBASSY, I'M TOLD, IS GOING TO BE \$50,000. I'M NOT SURE WHETHER THAT'S EFFECTIVE ONLY IN THE NEW FISCAL YEAR OR WHETHER IT'S EFFECTIVE AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF \$50,000 BEFORE THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR. IN ANY EVENT, THE REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCE, I BELIEVE IS AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY AS A WHOLE, INCLUDING ENTERTAINMENT BY, FOR EXAMPLE, THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION AS WELL AS THE AMBASSADOR.

I DON'T HAVE ANY GOOD FEEL FOR HOW FAR THAT WILL GO BUT,

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AS FAR AS MY OWN FUNDS ARE CONCERNED, I WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO SPEND ANY MORE REALLY THAN I'M CURRENTLY SPENDING -- WHICH WOULD BE NOT MUCH MORE THAN THE AMOUNT PROVIDED IN THE SALARY AND SO FORTH.

SO WE'LL SEE HOW WELL IT GOES, BUT I THINK IT OUGHT TO BE POSSIBLE. IF IT TURNS OUT TO BE NOT POSSIBLE, AND TO DO IT IN A WAY THAT IS APPROPRIATE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE JOB, THEN OF COURSE I WOULD EXPECT TO TRY TO GET THE ALLOWANCE INCREASED AND POSSIBLY FEEL THAT IT WAS NECESSARY EVEN TO APPEAL TO THE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES.

IN THAT EVENT, I MIGHT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO ON BEHALF OF U.S. MISSIONS ABROAD GENERALLY.

Q: WILL THIS BE A FINANCIAL SACRIFICE TO YOU IN ANY CASE?

A: ONLY IN THE SENSE THAT I TEND TO DRIBBLE OUT A LITTLE MORE INCOME THAN I HAVE OVER THE YEARS.

BUT I AM NOT, IN A PRACTICAL MATTER, IN A POSITION TO SACRIFICE ANY VERY LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY.

Q: WHEN YOU DISCUSSED THIS OFFER WITH THE PRESIDENT, DID THE TWO OF YOU DISCUSS ANY OTHER JOB THAT MIGHT COME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF YOUR TAKING THIS ONE?

A: NO. IN THE FIRST PLACE, I DID NOT DISCUSS IT WITH THE PRESIDENT.

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Q: I SEE. WITH WHOM DID YOU DISCUSS IT?

A: I DISCUSSED IT WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE -- HENRY KISSINGER.

WHAT WAS THE FOLLOW-UP PART OF IT?

Q: I WAS JUST CURIOUS AS TO WHETHER, WHEN YOU TOOK THIS JOB, YOU DISCUSSED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR THE PRESIDENT ANY OTHER JOB THAT MIGHT COME OUT OF THIS JOB.

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KEEPING IN MIND, SIR, THAT 1976 IS AN ELECTION YEAR
HERE AND SOME PEOPLE HAVE MENTIONED YOU AS A POTENTIAL
CANDIDATE AMONG MANY OTHERS, HAVE YOU SET IN YOUR MIND
A LIMIT -- A PERIOD OF TIME -- DURING WHICH YOU WOULD
STAY IN LONDON -- LIKE A YEAR OR 18 MONTHS, OR SOMETHING
OF THAT KIND?

AS TO THE RANGE OF THE JOB, THE UNITED KINGDOM DOES OF
COURSE, IN CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES AND
CONTINUING COMMUNICATION WITH US, DEAL WITH A VERY WIDE
RANGE OF MATTERS INVOLVING WESTERN EUROPE AS A WHOLE --
BOTH MILITARY AND ECONOMIC. AND I WOULD EXPECT TO HAVE
THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS OF POLICY
DEVELOPMENT ON THESE ISSUES AND TO GIVE SUCH ADVICE AS
I MAY HAVE.

WELL, FIRST I'D RATHER NOT GO INTO ANY QUESTION OF
ANY FOLLOW-ON POSSIBILITIES. I THINK IT TENDS TO BLUR
THE IMPORTANT DECISION THAT WAS INVOLVED ON MY PART,
WHICH WAS THE DECISION TO TAKE THIS JOB FOR ITS OWN
SAKE -- AND BECAUSE I THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT JOB AND AN
IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY.

YOUR DUTIES IN LONDON, AND WHETHER YOU WILL BE
INVOLVED WITH BROADER EUROPEAN QUESTIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS
ON CONSUMER SOLIDARITY, ON ENERGY PROBLEMS, AND SO ON.

AT THE RANGE OF WHAT?

FIRST OF ALL, COULD YOU PERHAPS EXPAND ON WHAT YOU
SAID JUST NOW ABOUT THE OTHER POSSIBILITY THAT WAS
RAISED WHEN YOU TALKED WITH DR. KISSINGER? AND, ALSO,
ARE YOU ABLE TO TALK ABOUT THE RANGE OF DUTIES THAT
HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED -- IN PARTICULAR, THE --

NO -- NOT IN THE SENSE THAT THAT IMPLIES AS A SORT OF
SEQUENCE. THERE WAS REALLY NOTHING SAID ABOUT THAT
EXCEPT BY REFERENCE TO A POSSIBILITY. BUT IT WAS NOT
A MATTER THAT I FELT OUGHT TO BEAR ON THE DECISION. AND
IT DID NOT, AS FAR AS I WAS CONCERNED.

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A: NO, I HAVEN'T. I'M GOING WITHOUT ANY ANTICIPATED TERMINATION DATE OR WITHOUT ANY CLEAR SENSE AS TO WHAT THE FUTURE MAY BRING. IT SEEMS TO ME, AS I SAID, AN OPPORTUNITY THAT I WELCOME FOR ITS OWN SAKE.

Q: HOW DOES THE PROSPECT OF TAKING UP RESIDENCE IN RATHER GLOOMY, EMBATTLED BRITAIN AT THE MOMENT APPEAL TO YOU?

A: WELL, I OF COURSE DON'T HAVE A DIRECT SENSE OF THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE COUNTRY OR THE MOOD AT THIS POINT. I'VE HEARD REPORTS OF IT WHICH SUGGEST THAT THE BRITISH PEOPLE ARE, AS THEY WOULD BE BOUND TO BE, CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONOMIC SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY; AND I, OF COURSE, LIKE ALL AMERICANS, AM CONSCIOUS OF THE CAPACITY FOR THE BRITISH TO RISE TO A SITUATION OF STRESS. AND IF IN ANY WAY AS AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE UK I CAN HELP THE COUNTRY TO DO THAT, I CERTAINLY WANT TO DO WHATEVER I CAN. UNQUOTE

2. FULL TEXT OF TRANSCRIPT BEING SENT AIR POUCH. KISSINGER

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. PER YOUR INSTRUCTIONS, I HAVE AGAIN REDRAFTED RICHARDSON'S DESIRED SUBSTITUTION FOR THE FINAL PARAGRAPH OF HIS NOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT. THE FOLLOWING IS MY BARE-BONES COUNTER-COUNTER DRAFT TO HIS COUNTER-DRAFT:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE UNITED KINGDOM IS AN OLD ALLY TO WHOM THE UNITED STATES IS BOUND BY PROFOUNDLY INTIMATE TIES OF HISTORY AND STRATEGIC INTEREST. ~~NO OBJECTION TO DECLASSIFICATION IN FULL 2011/04/28 : LOC-HAK-430-6-3-4~~ BEEN ~~NO OBJECTION TO DECLASSIFICATION IN FULL 2011/04/28 : LOC-HAK-430-6-3-4~~ NEGOTIATIONS AND ALL OTHER MATTERS AFFECTING OUR RELATIONS, AS WELL AS THE WESTERN ALLIANCE. *AS OUR AMBASSADOR TO THE COURT OF SAINT JAMES, ELLIOT RICHARDSON WILL CONTINUE THIS PRACTICE AND WILL OF COURSE PARTICIPATE IN THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES OF CRITICAL CONCERN TO THE UNITED KINGDOM. I WARMLY WELCOME ELLIOT RICHARDSON BACK INTO THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY AND AM CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL REPRESENT AMERICA WITH THE HIGHEST DISTINCTION.
END TEXT 44

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DRAFT ANNOUNCEMENT OF RICHARDSON NOMINATION--ALTERNATIVE SUBSTITUTES FOR THE SECOND SENTENCE OF THE FINAL PARAGRAPH:

Both Secretary Kissinger and I shall seek his wise counsel in the further development of policies affecting matters of critical import to Great Britain and the West such as strategic weapons limitations, conventional force reductions, and the development of more effective arrangements for the orderly international flow of key commodities and capital. His broad experience in foreign policy makes him especially well qualified to play a significant part in policy formulations and negotiations concerning these matters.

Both Secretary Kissinger and I shall seek his wise counsel in the continuing processes of policy formulation and negotiation concerning matters of critical concern to Great Britain and the West such as strategic arms limitations, conventional force reductions, and the development of more effective arrangements for the orderly international flow of key commodities and capital.

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. IT SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE THAT RICHARDSON HAS NOW COME BACK WITH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE WHICH HE WANTS SUBSTITUTED FOR THE LAST PARAGRAPH IN THE TEXT OF HIS NOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH YOU RECENTLY APPROVED (FULL TEXT HAS BEEN SENT TO GOMPERT).

2. FOLLOWING ARE RICHARDSON'S ALTERNATIVE FINAL PARAGRAPHS (HE LEAVES US THE CHOICE BETWEEN WHICH WE PREFER).

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HIS WISE COUNSEL IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF AFFECTING MATTERS OF CRITICAL IMPORT TO GREAT BRITAIN AND THE WEST SUCH AS STRATEGIC WEAPONS LIMITATIONS, CONVENTIONAL FORCE REDUCTIONS, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ORDERLY INTERNATIONAL FLOW OF KEY COMMODITIES AND CAPITAL. HIS BROAD EXPERIENCE IN FOREIGN POLICY MAKES HIM ESPECIALLY WELL QUALIFIED TO

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PLAY A SIGNIFICANT PART IN POLICY FORMULATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THESE MATTERS.

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4. BOTH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND I SHALL SEEK HIS WISE COUNSEL IN THE CONTINUING PROCESSES OF POLICY FORMULATION AND NEGOTIATION CONCERNING MATTERS OF CRITICAL CONCERN TO GREAT BRITAIN AND THE WEST SUCH AS STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS, CONVENTIONAL FORCE REDUCTIONS, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ORDERLY INTERNATIONAL FLOW OF KEY COMMODITIES AND CAPITAL, END TEXT.

5. I THINK YOU WILL AGREE THAT IN EITHER OF HIS SUGGESTED PARAGRAPHS HE IS SIMPLY ASKING TOO MUCH, I HAVE THEREFORE WORKED THEM OVER WITH AN EYE TO LIMITING THEIR MOST TROUBLESOME FEATURES. THE FOLLOWING IS MY COUNTERDRAFT WHICH I BELIEVE IS THE VERY MINIMUM HE WILL ACCEPT.

6. BEGIN TEXT: THE UNITED KINGDOM IS AN OLD ALLY TO WHOM WE ARE BOUND BY PROFOUNDLY INTIMATE TIES OF HISTORY AND STRATEGIC INTEREST. IT HAS THEREFORE BEEN OUR PRACTICE TO CONSULT WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM ON MATTERS UNDER NEGOTIATION WHICH ARE OF CRITICAL CONCERN TO THE WEST AND TO THE ALLIANCE. SUCH MATTERS RECENTLY HAVE INCLUDED FOR EXAMPLE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS, CONVENTIONAL FORCE REDUCTIONS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ORDERLY INTERNATIONAL FLOW OF KEY COMMODITIES AND CAPITAL.

7. AS OUR AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, ELLIOT RICHARDSON, HAS BEEN CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL REPRESENT AMERICA WITH THE HIGHEST DISTINCTION, END TEXT.

8. RECOMMENDATION: IN THE INTEREST OF ABBREVIATING WHAT COULD TURN INTO AN EXTENDED EXCHANGE, I RECOMMEND THAT YOU APPROVE MY COUNTERDRAFT.

APPROVE COUNTERDRAFT
APPROVE AS AMENDED BROWN

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